

Dear Puzzler,

Greetings, and welcome to the 2025 Stanford Puzzle Hunt HAUNT.

We've noticed some interesting interdimensional warping activity, and are in desperate need for a crew of dedicated puzzle hunters to check out the situation. Your presence is required on:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Check-in outside Hewlett at 12 PM.

Opening Ceremony starts at Hewlett 200 at 1 PM.

Attached is some additional information that may aid you in preparation for the meeting.

*Sincerely,
Your 2025 Puzzle Hunt Organizing Committee*

What is a Puzzle Hunt?

Is this your first Puzzle Hunt? What's a puzzle, you ask? A puzzle can be anything; one moment, you'll be sleuthing for wordplay in a cryptic sentence; the next, you'll be pondering pop culture references; and then, you might find yourself knee-deep in a logic puzzle! The only similarity between puzzles is that you are indirectly clued to find an answer that is a singular English word or phrase. Many of these puzzles may appear intimidating at first glance – but figuring out what to do is usually a big part of the puzzle itself!

In this hunt, you'll be traveling across campus, racing to solve 4 rounds of original puzzles that the organizing team has written. **No prior experience is required, and our hunt is designed to be friendly for first-time puzzlers!** If you're interested in checking out prior years' puzzles, visit this [link](#) for examples of previous puzzles!

When will the hunt be?

The hunt will be **Saturday, November 1, 2024**. Team check-in will open at **12:00pm at Hewlett**, and the opening ceremony will begin at 1:00pm. The hunt will go until approximately 5:00pm, and the closing ceremony (with prizes) will take place at 5:30pm. **And yes, there will be FREE boba (courtesy of Jane Street)!**

Who can participate?

Teams of up to 4 people are welcome! Anyone from the Stanford community is eligible to participate, but only Stanford students can receive prizes. If your team is smaller than 4 people, no problem – you can play as a team of any size below 4, or if you want, we can help you form a team with other willing participants.

What if I've never done a puzzle hunt before?

Even if you've never done a hunt before, don't worry! This year, we're splitting the hunt into two divisions- beginner and experienced. The top three teams from each division will be awarded prizes! We ask that teams with contestants who have participated in many puzzle hunts before sign up for the experienced division.

What are the prizes?

The top 3 teams in both the experienced and beginner divisions will all be able to receive prizes, which include cute plushies, awesome Lego sets, and ✨exclusive 2025 Stanford Puzzle Hunt Hoodies ✨!!!!!!

Only teams composed completely of current Stanford students (including grad students) will be eligible for prizes.

But really, the top prize for this year's hunt is the *great time you'll have solving our puzzles* - and you don't need to be top 3 to enjoy that! (Oh, and the boba.) 🧋

Questions?

Email this year's Puzzle Hunt co-leads, Kristie (kristiep@stanford.edu) and Karolyn (karolync@stanford.edu) with any questions!